

Higher order Painlevé system of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$ arising from integrable hierarchy

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Abstract

A higher order Painlevé system of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$ was introduced by Y. Sasano. It is an extension of the sixth Painlevé equation (P_{VI}) for the affine Weyl group symmetry. It is also expressed as a Hamiltonian system of order $2n$ with a coupled Hamiltonian of P_{VI} . In this paper, we discuss a derivation of this system from a Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy.

1 Introduction

The Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchies are extensions of the KdV (or mKdV) hierarchy for the affine Lie algebras [DS]. It is known that they imply several Painlevé equations by similarity reduction [AS, FS, KK1, KIK, KK2]. On the other hand, two types of extensions of the Painlevé equations for the affine Weyl group symmetry have been studied, type $A_n^{(1)}$ [NY1] and type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$ [S]. For type $A_n^{(1)}$ among them, the relation to the Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchies is already clarified. In this paper, we investigate the relation for type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$.

Recall that the higher order Painlevé system of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$ given in [S] is a Hamiltonian system of order $2n$ with a coupled Hamiltonian of P_{VI} . Let q_i, p_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) be dependent variables on s and α_i ($i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) complex parameters satisfying

$$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \sum_{j=2}^{2n} 2\alpha_j + \alpha_{2n+1} + \alpha_{2n+2} = 1.$$

We also set

$$H_i = q_i(q_i - 1)(q_i - s)p_i^2 - \{(\beta_{i,1} - 1)q_i(q_i - 1) + \beta_{i,3}(q_i - 1)(q_i - s) + \beta_{i,4}q_i(q_i - s)\}p_i + \alpha_{2i}(\alpha_{2i} + \beta_{i,0})q_i,$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{i,0} &= \alpha_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{2j+1}, & \beta_{i,1} &= \alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 2\alpha_{2j} + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{2j+1}, \\ \beta_{i,3} &= \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \alpha_{2j+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n 2\alpha_{2j} + \alpha_{2n+1}, & \beta_{i,4} &= \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \alpha_{2j+1} + \alpha_{2n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

We consider a Hamiltonian system

$$s(s-1)\frac{dq_i}{ds} = \{H, q_i\}, \quad s(s-1)\frac{dp_i}{ds} = \{H, p_i\} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n), \quad (1.1)$$

with a Hamiltonian

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^n H_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} 2(q_i - s)p_i q_j \{(q_j - 1)p_j + \alpha_{2j}\}, \quad (1.2)$$

where $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$ stands for the Poisson bracket defined by

$$\{p_i, q_j\} = \delta_{i,j}, \quad \{p_i, p_j\} = \{q_i, q_j\} = 0 \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, n).$$

Note that each H_i is equivalent to the Hamiltonian of P_{VI} (see [IKSY]). In fact, the parameters satisfy the following relations:

$$\beta_{i,0} + \beta_{i,1} + 2\alpha_{2i} + \beta_{i,3} + \beta_{i,4} = 1 \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

The system (1.1) with (1.2) admits affine Weyl group symmetry of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$. Denoting the dependent variables by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_0 &= \frac{1}{2n+2}, & \varphi_1 &= q_1 - s, & \varphi_{2i+1} &= q_{i+1} - q_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1), \\ \varphi_{2j} &= -\frac{p_j}{2n+2} \quad (j = 1, \dots, n), & \varphi_{2n+1} &= 1 - q_n, & \varphi_{2n+2} &= -q_n, \end{aligned}$$

we consider birational canonical transformations

$$r_i(\alpha_j) = \alpha_j - a_{ij}\alpha_i, \quad r_i(\varphi_j) = \varphi_j + \frac{\alpha_i}{\varphi_i}\{\varphi_i, \varphi_j\}, \quad (1.3)$$

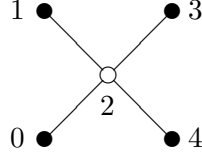


Figure 1: Gradation of $\mathfrak{g}(D_4^{(1)})$ of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 1)$

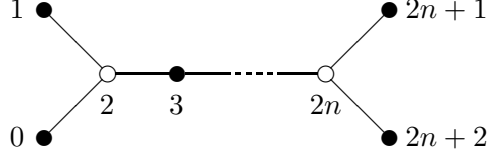


Figure 2: Gradation of $\mathfrak{g}(D_{2n+2}^{(1)})$ of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 1, 1)$

for $i, j = 0, \dots, 2n+2$, where

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ii} &= 2 & (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2), \\ a_{02} = a_{ii+1} = a_{2n2n+2} &= -1 & (i = 1, \dots, 2n), \\ a_{ij} &= 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{aligned}$$

Then the system (1.1) with (1.2) is invariant under the action of them. Furthermore, a group of symmetries $\langle r_0, \dots, r_{2n+2} \rangle$ is isomorphic to the affine Weyl group of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$.

In this paper, we show that the system (1.1) with (1.2) is derived from a Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy by similarity reduction. The Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchies are characterized by graded Heisenberg subalgebras of the affine Lie algebras. For a derivation of (1.1), we choose the affine Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(D_{2n+2}^{(1)})$ and its graded Heisenberg subalgebra of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 1, 1)$. It is suggested by the fact that P_{VI} is derived from the hierarchy associated with the graded Heisenberg subalgebra of $\mathfrak{g}(D_4^{(1)})$ of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 1)$.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall the affine Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(D_{2n+2}^{(1)})$ and its graded Heisenberg subalgebra. In Section 3, we formulate a similarity reduction of a Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$. In Section 4, we derive the system (1.1) with (1.2) from the similarity reduction. In Section 5, we discuss a derivation of the group of symmetries (1.3).

2 Affine Lie algebra

In this section, we introduce the affine Lie algebra of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$ and its Heisenberg subalgebra of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 1, 1)$, following the notation of [Kac].

Recall that $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(D_{2n+2}^{(1)})$ is a Lie algebra generated by the Chevalley generators e_i, f_i, α_i^\vee ($i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) and the scaling element d with the fundamental relations

$$\begin{aligned} (\operatorname{ad} e_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(e_j) &= 0, \quad (\operatorname{ad} f_i)^{1-a_{ij}}(f_j) = 0 \quad (i \neq j), \\ [\alpha_i^\vee, \alpha_j^\vee] &= 0, \quad [\alpha_i^\vee, e_j] = a_{ij}e_j, \quad [\alpha_i^\vee, f_j] = -a_{ij}f_j, \quad [e_i, f_j] = \delta_{i,j}\alpha_i^\vee, \\ [d, \alpha_i^\vee] &= 0, \quad [d, e_i] = \delta_{i,0}e_0, \quad [d, f_i] = -\delta_{i,0}f_0, \end{aligned}$$

for $i, j = 0, \dots, 2n+2$. The generalized Cartan matrix $A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=0}^{2n+2}$ for \mathfrak{g} is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ii} &= 2 & (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2), \\ a_{02} = a_{ii+1} = a_{2n2n+2} &= -1 & (i = 1, \dots, 2n), \\ a_{ij} &= 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{aligned}$$

We denote the Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} by

$$\mathfrak{h} = \bigoplus_{j=0}^{2n+2} \mathbb{C}\alpha_j^\vee \oplus \mathbb{C}d.$$

The canonical central element of \mathfrak{g} is given by

$$K = \alpha_0^\vee + \alpha_1^\vee + \sum_{i=2}^{2n} 2\alpha_i^\vee + \alpha_{2n+1}^\vee + \alpha_{2n+2}^\vee.$$

The normalized invariant form $(\cdot|\cdot) : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is determined by the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha_i^\vee|\alpha_j^\vee) &= a_{ij}, \quad (e_i|f_j) = \delta_{i,j}, \quad (\alpha_i^\vee|e_j) = (\alpha_i^\vee|f_j) = 0, \\ (d|d) &= 0, \quad (d|\alpha_j^\vee) = \delta_{0,j}, \quad (d|e_j) = (d|f_j) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for $i, j = 0, \dots, 2n+2$.

Consider a gradation $\mathfrak{g} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{g}_k$ of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 1, 1)$ by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \deg \mathfrak{h} &= \deg e_i = \deg f_i = 0 \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}), \\ \deg e_j &= 1, \quad \deg f_j = -1 \quad (j \in \mathcal{J}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{I} = \{2, 4, \dots, 2n\}$ and $\mathcal{J} = \{0, 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n+1, 2n+2\}$. With an element $\vartheta \in \mathfrak{h}$ such that

$$(\vartheta|\alpha_i^\vee) = 0, \quad (\vartheta|\alpha_j^\vee) = 1 \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}; j \in \mathcal{J}),$$

this gradation is defined by

$$\mathfrak{g}_k = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid [\vartheta, x] = kx\} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

We denote by

$$\mathfrak{g}_{<0} = \bigoplus_{k<0} \mathfrak{g}_k, \quad \mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0} = \bigoplus_{k\geq 0} \mathfrak{g}_k.$$

Such gradation implies the Heisenberg subalgebra of \mathfrak{g}

$$\mathfrak{s} = \{x \in \mathfrak{g} \mid [x, \Lambda_1] = [x, \Lambda_2] = \mathbb{C}K\},$$

with elements of \mathfrak{g}_1

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1 &= e_0 + e_{1,2} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} (e_j + e_{j-1,j,j+1}) + e_{2n+1} + e_{2n,2n+2}, \\ \Lambda_2 &= e_1 + e_{0,2} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} (e_{j-1,j} + e_{j,j+1}) + e_{2n+2} + e_{2n,2n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{J}' = \{3, 5, \dots, 2n-1\}$ and

$$e_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-1}, i_n} = \text{ade}_{i_1} \text{ade}_{i_2} \dots \text{ade}_{i_{n-1}}(e_{i_n}).$$

Note that \mathfrak{s} admits the gradation of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 1, 1)$, namely

$$\mathfrak{s} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathfrak{s}_k, \quad \mathfrak{s}_k \subset \mathfrak{g}_k.$$

We also remark that the positive part of \mathfrak{s} has a graded bases $\{\Lambda_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ satisfying

$$[\Lambda_k, \Lambda_l] = 0, \quad [\vartheta, \Lambda_k] = n_k \Lambda_k \quad (k, l = 1, 2, \dots),$$

where n_k stands for the degree of element Λ_k defined by

$$n_k = \begin{cases} k & (k : \text{odd}) \\ k-1 & (k : \text{even}) \end{cases}.$$

The explicit formulas of Λ_k ($k \geq 3$) are given in Appendix A.

In the last, we introduce the Borel subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} . Let \mathfrak{n}_+ and \mathfrak{n}_- be the subalgebras of \mathfrak{g} generated by e_i and f_i ($i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) respectively.

Then the Borel subalgebra \mathfrak{b}_+ of \mathfrak{g} is defined by $\mathfrak{b}_+ = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+$. Note that we have the triangular decomposition

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{n}_+ = \mathfrak{n}_- \oplus \mathfrak{b}_+.$$

We also remark that

$$\mathfrak{n}_- = \mathfrak{g}_{<0} \oplus \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathbb{C} f_i, \quad \mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathbb{C} f_i \oplus \mathfrak{b}_+.$$

3 Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy

In this section, we formulate a Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$ and its similarity reduction associated with the Heisenberg subalgebra \mathfrak{s} .

In the following, we use the notation of infinite dimensional groups

$$G_{<0} = \exp(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{<0}), \quad G_{\geq 0} = \exp(\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\geq 0}),$$

where $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{<0}$ and $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\geq 0}$ are completions of $\mathfrak{g}_{<0}$ and $\mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0}$ respectively.

Introducing the time variables t_k ($k = 1, 2, \dots$), we consider a system of partial differential equations

$$\partial_{t_k} - B_k = W(\partial_{t_k} - \Lambda_k)W^{-1} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots), \quad (3.1)$$

for a $G_{<0}$ -valued function W , where B_k stands for the $\mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0}$ -component of $W\Lambda_k W^{-1}$. The Zakharov-Shabat equations

$$[\partial_{t_k} - B_k, \partial_{t_l} - B_l] = 0 \quad (k, l = 1, 2, \dots), \quad (3.2)$$

follows from the system (3.1). We call the system (3.2) the Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$.

Under the system (3.1), we consider the operator

$$\mathcal{M} = W \exp \left(\sum_{k=1,2,\dots} t_k \Lambda_k \right) \vartheta \exp \left(- \sum_{k=1,2,\dots} t_k \Lambda_k \right) W^{-1}.$$

Then the operator \mathcal{M} satisfies

$$[\partial_{t_k} - B_k, \mathcal{M}] = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots). \quad (3.3)$$

Also \mathcal{M} is expressed as

$$\mathcal{M} = W \vartheta W^{-1} - \sum_{k=1,2,\dots} n_k t_k W \Lambda_k W^{-1}.$$

Now we require that the similarity condition $\mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0}$ is satisfied. Note that it is equivalent to

$$\vartheta + \sum_{k=1,2,\dots} n_k t_k B_k^c = W \vartheta W^{-1},$$

where B_k^c stands for the $\mathfrak{g}_{<0}$ -component of $W \Lambda_k W^{-1}$. Then we have

$$\mathcal{M} = \vartheta - \sum_{k=1,2,\dots} n_k t_k B_k.$$

We also assume that $t_k = 0$ for $k \geq 3$. Then the systems (3.2) and (3.3) are equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} [\partial_{t_1} - B_1, \partial_{t_2} - B_2] &= 0, \\ [\partial_{t_k} - B_k, \vartheta - t_1 B_1 - t_2 B_2] &= 0 \quad (k = 1, 2). \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

We regard the system (3.4) as a similarity reduction of the Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$.

The $\mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0}$ -valued functions B_k ($k = 1, 2$) are expressed in the form

$$B_k = U_k + \Lambda_k, \quad U_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} u_{k,i} \alpha_i^\vee + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} x_{k,i} e_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} y_{k,i} f_i.$$

In terms of the operators $U_k \in \mathfrak{g}_0$, this similarity reduction can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{t_1}(U_2) - \partial_{t_2}(U_1) + [U_2, U_1] &= 0, \\ [\Lambda_1, U_2] - [\Lambda_2, U_1] &= 0, \\ t_1 \partial_{t_1}(U_k) + t_2 \partial_{t_2}(U_k) + U_k &= 0 \quad (k = 1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

In the following, we use the notation of a $\mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0}$ -valued 1-form $\mathcal{B} = B_1 dt_1 + B_2 dt_2$ with respect to the coordinates $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, t_2)$. Then the similarity reduction (3.4) is expressed as

$$d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathcal{M} = [\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M}], \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B} \wedge \mathcal{B}, \tag{3.5}$$

where $d_{\mathbf{t}}$ stands for an exterior differentiation with respect to \mathbf{t} . Denoting by

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = -t_1 \Lambda_1 - t_2 \Lambda_2, \quad \mathcal{B}_1 = \Lambda_1 dt_1 + \Lambda_2 dt_2,$$

we can express the operators \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{B} in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} &= \theta + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \xi_i e_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \psi_i f_i + \mathcal{M}_1, \\ \mathcal{B} &= \mathbf{u} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathbf{x}_i e_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathbf{y}_i f_i + \mathcal{B}_1, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\theta = \vartheta + \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} \theta_i \alpha_i^\vee, \quad \mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} \mathbf{u}_i \alpha_i^\vee.$$

The system (3.5) is expressed in terms of these variables as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mathbf{t}} \theta_i &= \mathbf{x}_i \psi_i - \mathbf{y}_i \xi_i, & d_{\mathbf{t}} \theta_j &= 0, \\ d_{\mathbf{t}} \xi_i &= (\mathbf{u} | \alpha_i^\vee) \xi_i - \mathbf{x}_i (\theta | \alpha_i^\vee), \\ d_{\mathbf{t}} \psi_i &= -(\mathbf{u} | \alpha_i^\vee) \psi_i + \mathbf{y}_i (\theta | \alpha_i^\vee), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{u}_i &= \mathbf{x}_i \wedge \mathbf{y}_i + \mathbf{y}_i \wedge \mathbf{x}_i, & d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{u}_j &= 0, \\ d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{x}_i &= (\mathbf{u} | \alpha_i^\vee) \wedge \mathbf{x}_i, & d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathbf{y}_i &= -(\mathbf{u} | \alpha_i^\vee) \wedge \mathbf{y}_i, \end{aligned}$$

for $i \in \mathcal{I}$ and $j \in \mathcal{J}$.

4 Coupled Painlevé VI system

In this section, we show that the system (1.1) with (1.2) is derived from the similarity reduction (3.5).

We introduce below a gauge transformation

$$\mathcal{M}^+ = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma)) \mathcal{M}, \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}^+ = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma))(d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}),$$

with $\Gamma \in \mathfrak{g}_0$ such that \mathcal{M}^+ and \mathcal{B}^+ should take values in \mathfrak{b}_+ . Then the system (3.5) is transformed into

$$d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathcal{M}^+ = [\mathcal{B}^+, \mathcal{M}^+], \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathcal{B}^+ = \mathcal{B}^+ \wedge \mathcal{B}^+.$$

It is equivalent to the system (1.1) with (1.2) under a certain transformation of variables. We recall that the operator \mathcal{M} is expressed as

$$\mathcal{M} = \theta + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \xi_i e_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \psi_i f_i + \mathcal{M}_1,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_1 &= -t_1 e_0 - t_2 e_1 - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} t_1 e_j - t_1 e_{2n+1} - t_2 e_{2n+2} - t_2 e_{0,2} - t_1 e_{1,2} \\ &\quad - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} t_2 (e_{j-1,j} + e_{j,j+1}) - t_2 e_{2n,2n+1} - t_1 e_{2n,2n+2} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} t_1 e_{j-1,j,j+1}. \end{aligned}$$

We first consider a gauge transformation

$$\mathcal{M}' = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_1))\mathcal{M}, \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}' = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_1))(d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}),$$

with $\Gamma_1 = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \gamma_i e_i$ defined by

$$\gamma_2 = \frac{t_2}{t_1}, \quad \gamma_{2i+2} = \frac{t_1 + t_2 \gamma_{2i}}{t_2 + t_1 \gamma_{2i}} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1).$$

Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}'_1 &= \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_1))(\mathcal{M}_1) \\ &= -t_1 e_0 - t_2 e_1 - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} t_1 e_j - t_2 e_{2n+1} - t_1 e_{2n+2} \\ &\quad - (t_1 - t_2 \gamma_2) e_{1,2} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} \{ (t_2 + t_1 \gamma_{j-1}) e_{j-1,j} + (t_2 - t_1 \gamma_{j+1}) e_{j,j+1} \} \\ &\quad - (t_1 + t_2 \gamma_{2n}) e_{2n,2n+1} - (t_2 + t_1 \gamma_{2n}) e_{2n,2n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

We next consider a gauge transformation

$$\mathcal{M}^* = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_2))\mathcal{M}', \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}^* = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_2))(d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}'),$$

with $\Gamma_2 \in \mathfrak{h}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^*_1 &= \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_2))(\mathcal{M}'_1) \\ &= e_0 + b_1 e_1 + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} b_j e_j + b_{2n+1} e_{2n+1} + b_{2n+2} e_{2n+2} \\ &\quad + e_{1,2} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} (e_{j-1,j} + e_{j,j+1}) + e_{2n,2n+1} + e_{2n,2n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the coefficients b_j are algebraic functions in t_1 and t_2 . Then We have

$$d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathcal{M}^* = [\mathcal{B}^*, \mathcal{M}^*], \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} \mathcal{B}^* = \mathcal{B}^* \wedge \mathcal{B}^*. \quad (4.1)$$

With the notation

$$\mathcal{B}^*_1 = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_2)) \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_1))(\mathcal{B}_1),$$

the operators \mathcal{M}^* and \mathcal{B}^* are expressed in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^* &= \theta^* + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \xi_i^* e_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \psi_i^* f_i + \mathcal{M}^*_1, \\ \mathcal{B}^* &= \mathbf{u}^* + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathbf{x}_i^* e_i + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathbf{y}_i^* f_i + \mathcal{B}^*_1, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\theta^* = \vartheta + \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} \theta_i^* \alpha_i^\vee, \quad \mathbf{u}^* = \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} \mathbf{u}_i^* \alpha_i^\vee.$$

We finally consider a gauge transformation

$$\mathcal{M}^+ = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_3))\mathcal{M}^*, \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}^+ = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma_3))(d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}^*),$$

with $\Gamma_3 = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \eta_i f_i$ such that $\mathcal{M}^+, \mathcal{B}^+ \in \mathfrak{b}_+$, namely

$$\xi_i^* \eta_i^2 - (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \eta_i - \psi_i^* = 0 \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}), \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$d_{\mathbf{t}} \eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^* \eta_i^2 - (\mathbf{u}^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \eta_i - \mathbf{y}_i^* \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}). \quad (4.3)$$

Here we have

Lemma 4.1. *Under the system (4.1), the equation (4.3) follows from the equation (4.2).*

Proof. The first equation of the system (4.1) can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mathbf{t}} \theta_i^* &= \mathbf{x}_i^* \psi_i^* - \mathbf{y}_i^* \xi_i^*, \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} \theta_j^* = 0, \\ d_{\mathbf{t}} \xi_i^* &= (\mathbf{u}^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \xi_i^* - \mathbf{x}_i^* (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee), \\ d_{\mathbf{t}} \psi_i^* &= -(\mathbf{u}^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \psi_i^* + \mathbf{y}_i^* (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee), \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

for $i \in \mathcal{I}$ and $j \in \mathcal{J}$. By using (4.4) and $(d_{\mathbf{t}} \theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee) = 2d_{\mathbf{t}} \theta_i^*$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & d_{\mathbf{t}} \{ \xi_i^* \eta_i^2 - (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \eta_i - \psi_i^* \} \\ &= \{ 2\xi_i^* \eta_i - (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \} \{ d_{\mathbf{t}} \eta_i - \mathbf{x}_i^* \eta_i^2 + (\mathbf{u}^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \eta_i + \mathbf{y}_i^* \} \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the equation (4.2) implies (4.3) or

$$\eta_i = \frac{(\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee)}{2\xi_i^*} \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}). \quad (4.5)$$

Hence it is enough to verify that the equation (4.3) follows from (4.5). Together with (4.4), the equation (4.5) implies

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mathbf{t}} \eta_i &= \frac{(d_{\mathbf{t}} \theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \xi_i^* - (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee) d_{\mathbf{t}} \xi_i^*}{2(\xi_i^*)^2} \\ &= \mathbf{x}_i^* \eta_i^2 - (\mathbf{u}^* | \alpha_i^\vee) \eta_i - \mathbf{y}_i^* + \frac{\mathbf{x}_i^* \{ 4\xi_i^* \psi_i^* + (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee)^2 \}}{4(\xi_i^*)^2} \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

On the other hand, we obtain

$$4\xi_i^* \psi_i^* + (\theta^* | \alpha_i^\vee)^2 = 0 \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}), \quad (4.7)$$

by substituting (4.5) into (4.2). Combining (4.6) and (4.7), we obtain the equation (4.3). \square

Thanks to Lemma 4.1, the gauge parameters η_i ($i \in \mathcal{I}$) are determined by the equation (4.2). Hence we obtain the system on \mathfrak{b}_+

$$d_{\mathbf{t}}\mathcal{M}^+ = [\mathcal{B}^+, \mathcal{M}^+], \quad d_{\mathbf{t}}\mathcal{B}^+ = \mathcal{B}^+ \wedge \mathcal{B}^+, \quad (4.8)$$

with dependent variables

$$\lambda_i = \eta_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} b_{2j+1}, \quad \mu_i = \varphi_i^* \quad (i \in \mathcal{I}).$$

The operator \mathcal{M}^+ is expressed in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^+ = & \kappa + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mu_i e_i + e_0 + (c_1 - \lambda_2) e_1 + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} (\lambda_{j-1} - \lambda_{j+1}) e_j \\ & + (\lambda_{2n} - c_{2n+1}) e_{2n+1} + (\lambda_{2n} - c_{2n+2}) e_{2n+2} \\ & + e_{1,2} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} (e_{j-1,j} + e_{j,j+1}) + e_{2n,2n+1} + e_{2n,2n+2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\kappa \in \mathfrak{h}$ and

$$c_1 = b_1, \quad c_i = - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} b_{2j+1} - b_i \quad (i = 2n+1, 2n+2).$$

Note that $d_{\mathbf{t}}\kappa = 0$. We also remark that c_1 , c_{2n+1} and c_{2n+2} are algebraic functions in t_1 and t_2 .

Let

$$s_1 = \frac{c_{2n+2} - c_1}{2n+2}, \quad s_2 = \frac{c_{2n+2} - c_{2n+1}}{2n+2}.$$

We now regard the system (4.8) as a system of ordinary differential equations

$$\left[s(s-1) \frac{d}{ds} - B, \mathcal{M}^+ \right] = 0, \quad (4.9)$$

with respect to the independent variable $s = s_1$ by setting $s_2 = 1$. The explicit formula of the \mathfrak{b}_+ -valued operator B is given below. We also set

$$q_i = \frac{c_{2n+2} - \lambda_{2i}}{2n+2}, \quad p_i = -\mu_{2i}, \quad \alpha_j = \frac{(\kappa | \alpha_j^\vee)}{2n+2},$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $j = 0, \dots, 2n+2$. Then we obtain

Theorem 4.2. *The system (4.9) is equivalent to the system (1.1) with (1.2).*

The operator \mathcal{M}^+ is described as

$$\mathcal{M}^+ = \kappa + \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} (2n+2)\varphi_i e_i + \sum_{i=1}^{2n} e_{i,i+1} + e_{2n,2n+2},$$

We recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_0 &= \frac{1}{2n+2}, & \varphi_1 &= q_1 - s, & \varphi_{2i+1} &= q_{i+1} - q_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1), \\ \varphi_{2j} &= -\frac{p_j}{2n+2} \quad (j = 1, \dots, n), & \varphi_{2n+1} &= 1 - q_n, & \varphi_{2n+2} &= -q_n. \end{aligned}$$

The operator B is described as

$$B = u + \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} x_i e_i + y_1 e_{0,2} + \sum_{i=2}^{2n} y_i e_{i,i+1} + y_{2n+1} e_{2n,2n+2} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} y_1 e_{j-1,j,j+1},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= -\frac{q_1 - s}{2n+2}, & x_1 &= 1, & x_{2i+1} &= s(s-1) - (q_i - s)(q_{i+1} - s), \\ x_{2n+1} &= -(s-1)q_n, & x_{2n+2} &= -s(q_n - 1), \\ y_1 &= -\frac{1}{(2n+2)^2}, & y_{2i} &= -\frac{q_{i+1} - s}{2n+2}, & y_{2i+1} &= \frac{q_i - s}{2n+2}, \\ y_{2n} &= \frac{s-1}{2n+2}, & y_{2n+1} &= \frac{s}{2n+2}, \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ and

$$(2n+2)x_{2i} = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 2\{(q_j - s)p_j + \alpha_{2j}\} + (q_i - s)p_i + \alpha_{2i} + \alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{2j+1},$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Here $u = \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} u_i \alpha_i^\vee$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
(u|\alpha_0^\vee) &= -\alpha_0(q_1 - s), \\
(u|\alpha_1^\vee) &= -\alpha_0(q_1 + s - 1) - \sum_{j=1}^n 2q_j\{(q_j - 1)p_j + \alpha_{2j}\} \\
&\quad - (2\alpha_2 + \beta_{1,3})(s - 1) - \beta_{1,4}s, \\
(u|\alpha_{2i+1}^\vee) &= -\left\{\sum_{j=1}^i 2(q_j - s)p_j + \beta_{i,1} + 2\alpha_{2i}\right\}(q_i + q_{i+1} - 1) - \beta_{i+1,4}s \\
&\quad - \sum_{j=i+1}^n 2q_j\{(q_j - 1)p_j + \alpha_{2j}\} - (2\alpha_{2i+2} + \beta_{i+1,3})(s - 1), \\
(u|\alpha_{2n+1}^\vee) &= -\left\{\sum_{j=1}^n 2(q_j - s)p_j + \beta_{n,1} + 2\alpha_{2n}\right\}q_n - \alpha_{2n+1}s, \\
(u|\alpha_{2n+2}^\vee) &= -\left\{\sum_{j=1}^n 2(q_j - s)p_j + \beta_{n,1} + 2\alpha_{2n}\right\}(q_n - 1) - \alpha_{2n+2}(s - 1),
\end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
(u|\alpha_{2i}^\vee) &= \left\{\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 2(q_j - s)p_j + (q_i - s)p_i + \beta_{i,1} + 2\alpha_{2i}\right\}(2q_i - 1) \\
&\quad + q_i\{(q_i - 1)p_i + \alpha_{2i}\} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n 2q_j\{(q_j - 1)p_j + \alpha_{2j}\} \\
&\quad + (2\alpha_{2i} + \beta_{i+1,3})(s - 1) + \beta_{i+1,4}s,
\end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_{i,0} &= \alpha_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{2j+1}, \quad \beta_{i,1} = \alpha_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 2\alpha_{2j} + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_{2j+1}, \\
\beta_{i,3} &= \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \alpha_{2j+1} + \sum_{j=i+1}^n 2\alpha_{2j} + \alpha_{2n+1}, \quad \beta_{i,4} = \sum_{j=i}^{n-1} \alpha_{2j+1} + \alpha_{2n+2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Remark 4.3. The system (1.1) with (1.2) is derived from a Lax pair associated with the loop algebra $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)[z, z^{-1}]$; see Appendix B.

5 Affine Weyl group symmetry

In this section, we discuss a derivation of the group of symmetries (1.3) following the manner in [NY2].

Recall that the affine Weyl group of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$ is generated by the transformations r_i ($i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) with the fundamental relations

$$\begin{aligned} r_i^2 &= 1 & (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2), \\ (r_i r_j)^{2-a_{ij}} &= 0 & (i, j = 0, \dots, 2n+2; i \neq j). \end{aligned}$$

acting on the simple roots as

$$r_i(\alpha_j) = \alpha_j - a_{ij}\alpha_i \quad (i, j = 0, \dots, 2n+2),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ii} &= 2 & (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2), \\ a_{02} = a_{ii+1} = a_{2n2n+2} &= -1 & (i = 1, \dots, 2n), \\ a_{ij} &= 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{aligned}$$

Let $X(0) \in G_{<0}G_{\geq 0}$. We consider a $G_{<0}G_{\geq 0}$ -valued function

$$X = X(t_1, t_2, \dots) = \exp \left(\sum_{k=1,2,\dots} t_k \Lambda_k \right) X(0).$$

Then we have a system of partial differential equations

$$X \partial_k X^{-1} = \partial_k - \Lambda_k \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots),$$

defined through the adjoint action of $G_{<0}G_{\geq 0}$ on $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}_{<0} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0}$. Via a decomposition

$$X = W^{-1}Z, \quad W \in G_{<0}, \quad Z \in G_{\geq 0},$$

we obtain the system (3.1).

In the previous section, we have considered the gauge transformation

$$\mathcal{M}^+ = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma))\mathcal{M}, \quad d_t - \mathcal{B}^+ = \exp(\text{ad}(\Gamma))(d_t - \mathcal{B}), \quad \Gamma \in \mathfrak{g}_0,$$

for the derivation of the system (1.1). Note that it arises from

$$X = (W^+)^{-1}Z^+, \quad W^+ = \exp(\Gamma)W, \quad Z^+ = \exp(\Gamma)Z.$$

Consider transformations

$$r_i(X) = X \exp(-e_i) \exp(f_i) \exp(-e_i) \quad (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2).$$

Under the similarity condition $\mathcal{M}^+ \in \mathfrak{b}_+$, their action on W^+ is given by

$$r_i(W^+) = G_i W^+ \quad (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2),$$

where

$$G_i = \exp \left(\frac{\alpha_i}{\varphi_i} f_i \right), \quad \alpha_i = \frac{(\alpha_i^\vee | \mathcal{M}^+)}{2n+2}, \quad \varphi_i = \frac{(f_i | \mathcal{M}^+)}{2n+2}.$$

It follows that

$$r_i(\mathcal{M}^+) = G_i \mathcal{M}^+ G_i^{-1}, \quad d_{\mathbf{t}} - r_i(\mathcal{B}^+) = G_i(d_{\mathbf{t}} - \mathcal{B}^+) G_i^{-1},$$

for $i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$. Then each $r_i(\mathcal{M}^+)$ and $r_i(\mathcal{B}^+)$ are \mathfrak{b}_+ -valued and satisfy the system (4.8). Note that the complex parameters α_i ($i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) can be regarded as the simple roots for $\mathfrak{g}(D_{2n+2}^{(1)})$.

We define a Poisson structure for the operator \mathcal{M}^+ by

$$\{\varphi_i, \varphi_j\} = \frac{([f_j, f_i] | \mathcal{M}^+)}{2n+2} \quad (i, j = 0, \dots, 2n+2).$$

It is equivalent to

$$\{p_i, q_j\} = \delta_{i,j}, \quad \{p_i, p_j\} = \{q_i, q_j\} = 0 \quad (i, j = 1, \dots, n).$$

Hence p_i, q_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) give a canonical coordinate system associated with the Poisson structure for \mathcal{M}^+ . Then the action of the transformations r_i ($i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) on the coefficients of \mathcal{M}^+ is equivalent to (1.3).

Remark 5.1 ([S]). *Let*

$$\sigma_1(i) = (0, 1)(2n+1, 2n+2)i, \quad \sigma_2(i) = 2n+2-i \quad (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2),$$

where $(0, 1)$ and $(2n+1, 2n+2)$ stand for the adjacent transpositions. Then the system (1.1) with (1.2) is invariant under the action of transformations π_1 and π_2 defined by

$$\pi_1(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{\sigma_1(i)}, \quad \pi_1(q_i) = \frac{s(q_i - 1)}{q_i - s}, \quad \pi_1(p_i) = \frac{(q_i - s)\{p_i(q_i - s) + \alpha_{2i}\}}{s(1 - s)},$$

and

$$\pi_2(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{\sigma_2(i)}, \quad \pi_2(q_i) = \frac{s}{q_i}, \quad \pi_2(p_i) = -\frac{q_i(q_i p_i + \alpha_{2i})}{s},$$

for $i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$. These transformations generate a group of Dynkin diagram automorphisms of type $D_{2n+2}^{(1)}$. In fact, they satisfy the fundamental relations

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i^2 &= 1 & (i = 1, 2), \\ (\pi_1 \pi_2)^3 &= 1, \\ \pi_i r_j &= r_{\sigma_i(j)} \pi_i & (i = 1, 2; j = 0, \dots, 2n+2). \end{aligned}$$

A Heisenberg subalgebra

We first introduce the simple Lie algebra $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)$ and its loop algebra. Denoting matrix units by $E_{i,j} = (\delta_{i,k}\delta_{j,l})_{k,l=1}^{4n+4}$, we set

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^{4n+4} E_{i,4n+5-i}.$$

Then the algebra $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)$ is defined by

$$\mathfrak{so}(4n+4) = \{X \in \text{Mat}(4n+4; \mathbb{C}) \mid JX + {}^tXJ = 0\}.$$

Also let E_j, F_j, H_j ($j = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) be the Chevalley generators for the loop algebra $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)[z, z^{-1}]$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 &= zX_{4n+3,1}, & E_i &= X_{i,i+1}, & E_{2n+2} &= X_{2n+1,2n+3}, \\ F_0 &= \frac{1}{z}X_{1,4n+3}, & F_i &= X_{i+1,i}, & F_{2n+2} &= X_{2n+3,2n+1}, \\ H_0 &= -X_{1,1} - X_{2,2}, & H_i &= X_{i,i} - X_{i+1,i+1}, \\ H_{2n+2} &= X_{2n+1,2n+1} + X_{2n+2,2n+2}, \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, 2n+1$, where $X_{i,j} = E_{i,j} - E_{4n+5-j,4n+5-i}$. Note that

$$H_0 + H_1 + \sum_{i=2}^{2n} 2H_i + H_{2n+1} + H_{2n+2} = 0.$$

Under a specialization $K = 0$, we can identify this loop algebra with the affine Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}(D_{2n+2}^{(1)})$. Note that the scaling element d corresponds to the differential operator $z\partial_z$. We also remark that

$$[X, Y] = XY - YX, \quad (X|Y) = \frac{1}{2}\text{tr}XY.$$

In a similar manner as [DF], we formulate the Heisenberg subalgebra of type $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 1, 1)$ in a framework of $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)[z, z^{-1}]$. Let $\Lambda_{1,i}$ ($i = 1, 2$) be matrices defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{1,1} &= E_0 + [E_1, E_2] + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} (E_j + [E_{j-1}, [E_j, E_{j+1}]]) + E_{2n+1} + [E_{2n}, E_{2n+2}], \\ \Lambda_{1,2} &= E_1 + [E_0, E_2] + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} ([E_{j-1}, E_j] + [E_j, E_{j+1}]) + E_{2n+2} + [E_{2n}, E_{2n+1}]. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $[\Lambda_{1,1}, \Lambda_{1,2}] = 0$. We also set

$$\Lambda_{(2n+2)k+l,i} = z^k (\Lambda_{1,i})^l \quad (i = 1, 2; k \in \mathbb{Z}; l = 1, 3, \dots, 2n+1).$$

Then we have a maximal nilpotent subalgebra $\bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{C}\Lambda_{2k-1,1} \oplus \mathbb{C}\Lambda_{2k-1,2})$ of $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)[z, z^{-1}]$. It can be identified with the Heisenberg subalgebra \mathfrak{h} given in Section 2 under the specialization $K = 0$.

Remark A.1. *The isomorphism classes of the Heisenberg subalgebras are in one-to-one correspondence with the conjugacy classes of the finite Weyl group [KP]. In the notation of [C], the Heisenberg subalgebra \mathfrak{h} introduced above corresponds to the regular primitive conjugacy class $D_{2n+2}(a_n)$ of the Weyl group of type D_{2n+2} .*

B Lax pair

It is known that P_{VI} is derived from the Lax pair associated with the loop algebra $\mathfrak{so}(8)[z, z^{-1}]$ [NY3]. In this section, we propose a Lax pair for the system (1.1) with (1.2) in a framework of $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)[z, z^{-1}]$.

In the previous section, we have derived the system (4.9). It can be identified with the system on $\mathfrak{so}(4n+4)[z, z^{-1}]$

$$\left[s(s-1) \frac{d}{ds} - B, z \frac{z}{dz} + M \right] = 0, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} \varepsilon_i H_i + \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} \varphi_i E_i + \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \frac{[E_i, E_{i+1}]}{2n+2} + \frac{[E_{2n}, E_{2n+2}]}{2n+2}, \\ B &= \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} u_i H_i + \sum_{i=0}^{2n+2} x_i E_i + y_1 [E_0, E_2] + \sum_{i=2}^{2n} y_i [E_i, E_{i+1}] \\ &\quad + y_{2n+1} [E_{2n}, E_{2n+2}] + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}'} y_1 [E_{j-1}, [E_j, E_{j+1}]], \end{aligned}$$

under the specialization $K = 0$. Here ε_i ($i = 0, \dots, 2n+2$) are complex parameters such as

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 &= 1 + 2\varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_2, \quad \alpha_1 = 2\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \quad \alpha_2 = -\varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_1 + 2\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3, \\ \alpha_i &= -\varepsilon_{i-1} + 2\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1} \quad (i = 3, \dots, 2n-1), \\ \alpha_{2n} &= -\varepsilon_{2n-1} + 2\varepsilon_{2n} - \varepsilon_{2n+1} - \varepsilon_{2n+2}, \\ \alpha_{2n+1} &= -\varepsilon_{2n} + 2\varepsilon_{2n+1}, \quad \alpha_{2n+2} = -\varepsilon_{2n} + 2\varepsilon_{2n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider a system of linear differential equations

$$s(s-1)\frac{d\mathbf{w}}{ds} = B\mathbf{w}, \quad z\frac{d\mathbf{w}}{dz} + M\mathbf{w} = 0, \quad (\text{B.2})$$

for a vector of unknown functions $\mathbf{w} = {}^t(w_1, \dots, w_{4n+4})$. Then the system (B.1) can be regarded as the compatibility condition of (B.2). In this framework, the group of symmetries (1.3) arise from gauge transformations

$$r_i(\mathbf{w}) = \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_i}{\varphi_i} F_i\right) \mathbf{w} \quad (i = 0, \dots, 2n+2).$$

Note that the Lax pair (B.2) of the case $n = 1$ is equivalent to one of [NY3].

The Lax pair (B.2) arises from the Drinfeld-Sokolov hierarchy as follows. Under the system (3.1), we consider a $G_{<0}G_{\geq 0}$ -function $\Psi = \Psi(t_1, t_2, \dots)$ defined by

$$\Psi = W \exp \left(\sum_{k=1,2,\dots} t_k \Lambda_k \right).$$

Then we obtain

$$\Psi \partial_{t_k} \Psi^{-1} = \partial_{t_k} - B_k \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots), \quad \Psi \vartheta \Psi^{-1} = \mathcal{M}. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

Note that the system (3.2) can be regarded as the compatibility condition of (B.3). In the following, we use a conventional form of (B.3)

$$\partial_{t_k}(\Psi) = B_k \Psi \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots), \quad \vartheta(\Psi) = (\vartheta - \mathcal{M})\Psi.$$

It is equivalent to

$$\partial_{t_k}(\Psi) = B_k \Psi \quad (k = 1, 2), \quad \vartheta(\Psi) = (t_1 B_1 + t_2 B_2)\Psi, \quad (\text{B.4})$$

under the specialization $\mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{g}_{\geq 0}$ and $t_k = 0$ ($k \geq 3$). Via a gauge transformation $\Psi^+ = \exp(\Gamma)\Psi$, the system (B.4) is transformed into

$$\partial_{s_k}(\Psi^+) = B_k^+ \Psi^+ \quad (k = 1, 2), \quad \vartheta(\Psi^+) = (\vartheta - \mathcal{M}^+)\Psi^+, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

where B_k^+ ($k = 1, 2$) are defined by $\mathcal{B}^+ = B_1^+ ds_1 + B_2^+ ds_2$ and

$$s_1 = \frac{c_{2n+2} - c_1}{2n+2}, \quad s_2 = \frac{c_{2n+2} - c_{2n+1}}{2n+2}.$$

The system (B.5) can be identified with (B.2) under the specialization $s_2 = 1$ and $K = 0$.

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